

THE ARTS IN SMALL AND RURAL COMMUNITIES



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Just as Americans are diverse in their backgrounds, so are their communities. The NEA ensures that the arts thrive across the nation, especially in small, rural, and underserved communities.

PROJECT-FUNDING DISTRIBUTION MIRRORS THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE US POPULATION AND EXCEEDS IN ITS SUPPORT FOR LOW-INCOME COMMUNITIES

Small, Metropolitan Communities		Rural, Nonmetropolitan Areas		High-Poverty Neighborhoods	
9%	9%	13.8%	14%	43%	31%
of NEA-funded projects	of US population	of NEA-funded projects	of US population	of NEA-funded projects	of US neighborhoods

DIRECT SUPPORT FOR SMALL AND RURAL COMMUNITIES FY 2015						Total Support	
Small, Metropolitan Communities		Rural, Nonmetropolitan Areas				608	\$15.7
300	\$8.0	308	\$7.7	grants	million		
	million						



FEDERAL ARTS INVESTMENT AT THE STATE AND REGIONAL LEVEL MEANS MORE PEOPLE ARE SERVED

40%	of NEA funding is allocated to state and regional arts organizations	FY 2015	62	\$48
			grants	million

IN FY 2015, STATE ARTS AGENCIES USED NEA FUNDS TO SUPPORT SMALL AND RURAL COMMUNITIES

Small, Metropolitan Communities		Rural, Nonmetropolitan Areas		Total Support	
746	1,715	2,461			
grants	grants	grants			

With more than 30 million adults and children engaged in NEA-supported live arts programs or events nationwide, every American has the opportunity to participate.

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